

WASHINGTON.

Contemplated Change in President Grant's Cabinet.

Attorney General Hall Will Tender His Resignation—British Intrigues in St. Domingo—Colored Voters in Ohio Asking Protection.

WASHINGTON, April 9, 1870.

Humored Cabinet Change—Attorney General Hall to Resign.

There is a rumor in prominent official circles to the effect that Attorney General Hall has signified his intention to retire from the cabinet and that the President has agreed to accept his resignation.

President Pennsylvania says that the President has assured Senator Cameron that his successor will be appointed from the Keystone State, as a set-off to the little State of New Jersey, which is one ahead of Pennsylvania, having a member of the cabinet as well as an Associate Justice on the Supreme bench.

Governor Senter, of Tennessee, Goes Back to the Democracy.

Governor Senter, of Tennessee, was before Butler's Reconstruction Committee to-day, and had a preliminary examination upon the condition of affairs in that State. Much to the surprise of the democrats on the committee, Senter manifested a decided leaning towards the radical side of the question.

British Intrigues to Prevent the St. Domingo Treaty—Fears of a Big Financial Job Unfounded.

Secretary Fish was yesterday officially notified of intrigues said to be in progress on the part of certain individuals in reference to the Hartmont loan. It appears that Hartmont is now in New York with \$150,000, sterling, a portion of the whole sum of \$450,000 negotiated for very nearly a year since.

The \$150,000, sterling, were sent to St. Domingo, but were declined by President Baz, as Hartmont had neglected to comply with the terms of the contract. He also said that he had since made arrangements with the United States government.

The sum agreed upon with Hartmont is much more than that which the United States government has been asked to advance. All the English parties ask is the possession of the ports for twenty-five years, whereas the United States requires absolute possession for a smaller figure.

The official communications on the subject were produced. The action of Baz in refusing the money when offered to him is thought to be good evidence that the alarms of those who oppose the treaty on the grounds of a big job are not very well founded. It is believed that if the United States refuse to take the island Baz will be compelled to yield to the necessity of accepting the offers of Hartmont.

We will then not only have a British protectorate under the very nose of the United States, but be afraid to make any move owing to the menacing attitude of the British authorities, who threaten to arrest all persons attempting anything of the kind. He assured them that the United States government would give them all their moral support in their efforts to establish an independent government.

The British Minister Becoming Exercised on the Subject of Fenian Raids and Alabama Claims.

Mr. Thornton, the British Minister, had a long interview with Secretary Fish this morning. The subject of the interview is said to have been the Alabama claims and the anticipated Fenian raid on Canada.

Mr. Thornton talked a little about the former and very much about the latter. The Secretary Fish, it seems, has from time to time communicated to Mr. Thornton information received by the state department as to the designs and movements of the Fenian conspirators, but it is not true, as telegraphed from Canada, that he advised the British Minister of a contemplated Fenian raid on the 10th of April. Mr. Fish has had no such information, but there is some reason to believe that a movement of the kind alluded to will be made at no distant day.

Mr. Thornton is of this opinion, and has notified the Dominion authorities to be prepared. What took place at the interview to-day on both subjects has not leaked out.

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Second Session.

SENATE.

PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE.

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SHOCKING TRAGEDY AT SEA.

A Maniac Negro Murders a Fellow Seaman and Then Commits Suicide by Jumping Overboard.

The particulars of a shocking double tragedy committed at sea reached this city yesterday by the arrival at this port of the brig *Sephorita*, from Porto Rico. The statement as furnished by the ship's officers is substantially as follows:

The *Sephorita* left Baltimore for West India ports on the 24th of December last. Among her crew were two men named William Howard (colored), who acted as cook, and John Mortimer, an able-bodied seaman. The craft had a prosperous voyage. During the outward trip the cook behaved in a very strange manner. He appeared reckless and excited. He neglected his duties, and was often drunk. He was discharged from the ship upon reaching port.

After discharging and taking on board a return cargo the *Sephorita* touched at St. Domingo, where the maniac Howard, who had been discharged from the ship upon reaching port, was again taken on board. He was immediately put to work, and was found to be in a very dangerous condition.

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RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Services To-Day.

Rev. Charles B. Smyth preaches on "Adultery and its Proper Punishment" at the Eleventh street Unitarian church this morning. The case of McFarland is the first to be discussed.

"Is the Church of Rome Christian?" is the title of Bishop Snow's afternoon discourse at the University.

Rev. R. N. Bellows preaches on "The Christian Idea of Sacrifice," and "The Power of a Faithful Life," at Brevoort Hall.

Rev. Charles F. Lee lectures on the "Cheapening of Human Life," in the morning, at Oriental Hall.

Divine service will be held every evening this week at the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

Rev. Dr. Stanton and Rev. Dr. Morgan will preach at the Church of the Holy Light.

Rev. Dr. Cheever preaches this morning on "The Growth of Character by Discipline," at the Church of the Puritans.

Rev. Abbott Brown preaches at the Church of the Reformation at both services.

Rev. C. Giles preaches on "Heaven in Labor" this morning, at the Church of the New Jerusalem.

At Plymouth Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Westcott preaches on "The Life of Jacob" in the evening.

Rev. H. D. Northrop will take up the public school question at the Seventy-third street Presbyterian church this morning.

"Gold and Silver" is the title of Rev. G. H. Hewitt's sermon at the Church of the Messiah.

The sermon at Dr. Thompson's Sunday evening lecture on "Religion," at the Broadway Tabernacle church, will be given to-day.

Rev. S. M. Pullman preaches on "The Life that is to Come," at the Church of Our Saviour, in the morning.

Remuneration services of an interesting character will be held at St. John's Methodist Episcopal church.

Rev. G. C. Ezra and Rev. E. R. Hawhurst will preach at St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal church.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Almanac for New York—This Day.

Sun rises..... 5:30 | Moon sets..... 2:23  
Sun sets..... 6:34 | High water..... 3:07

PORT OF NEW YORK, APRIL 9, 1870.

CLEARED.

Steamship *Donna* (N.Y.), Ernst Bremen via Southampton—Guthrie & Co.  
Steamship *Columbia* (Br.), Dunbreck, Glasgow—Henderson & Co.

Steamship *City of Portland* (Pr.), Jackson, Port au Prince—R. Murray & Co.  
Steamship *Varuna*, Spencer, Galveston via Key West—H. H. Murray & Co.

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ARRIVALS.

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